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SUBJECT: THIEU MAY 29 SPEECH

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1. PRESIDENT THIEU SPOKE ON THE NATIONAL SITUATION AND OUTLINED HIS " ADMINISTRATIVE REVOLUTION" AT A MEETING OF APPROXIMATELY 3,500 CIVIL SERVANTS AT THE THU DUC NATIONAL POLICE INSTITUTE ON MAY 29. SOME CABINET MINISTERS, INCLUDING THE MINISTERS OF FINANCE AND ECONOMICS, ATTENDED THE SESSION ORGANIZED BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR INFORMATION.

2. SPEAKING ON THE COMMUNISTS' INTENTIONS, THIEU SAID THEIR  
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" UNSWERVING OBJECTIVE" IS TO ANNEX THE SOUTH AND THAT THEY HAD SIGNED A PEACE AGREEMENT ONLY BECAUSE THEY ARE IN A WEAK POSITION AND NEED TO BUY TIME. HE ASSERTED THAT THE COMMUNISTS INTEND TO BUILD A SECOND NATION IN THE SOUTH IN AN ATTEMPT TO GET AGREEMENT ON A COALITION GOVERNMENT IN SVN.

3. THE PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO REFORM THE GVN ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM BY SHIFTING THE WORKLOAD FROM SAIGON TO THE PROVINCES, DISTRICTS AND VILLAGES. THIS IS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED OVER THE NEXT SIX MONTHS BY SHIFTING JUNIOR LEVEL CIVIL SERVANTS TO THE RURAL AREAS AND SIMPLIFYING " WORK PROCEDURES AND ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS." THIEU ASSURED THE OFFICIALS THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE DISMISSALS OR DENUNCIATIONS, NOR WOULD PERSONS BE SENT TO THE COUNTRYSIDE ONLY FOR SHOW OR TO CARRY OUT NONSENSICAL TASKS.

WHILE

CALLING ON THE BUREAUCRATS TO DEVELOP A NEW SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE, THE PRESIDENT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT A LONG TIME WOULD BE NEEDED TO ACCOMPLISH THIS. APPARENTLY SENSING A CERTAIN APPREHENSION AMONG HIS LISTENERS, THIEU ASSURED THEM THAT HIS REVOLUTION DID NOT HAVE THE AIM OF " MILITARIZING OR ILL-TREATING CIVIL SERVANTS." ( SEE REFERENCES FOR EXCERPTS.)

4. THE MINISTERS OF FINANCE AND ECONOMICS ALSO ADDRESSED THE MEETING. ACCORDING TO A MEMBER OF HOANG DUC NHA' S STAFF WHO ATTENDED, THE MINISTERS WERE FACED WITH A HOST OF " DIFFICULT QUESTIONS" WHICH INDICATED DEEP CONCERN FOR BREAD AND BUTTER ISSUES.

5. COMMENT: THIEU' S SPEECH WAS FOLKSY AND THE PORTION BROADCAST WAS PUNCTUATED WITH LAUGHTER. IT WAS APPARENTLY WELL RECEIVED. RUMORS OF THE IMPENDING DEPLOYMENT OF CIVIL SERVANTS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE HAVE CAUSED MUCH DISCOMFORT AMONG LOW AND MIDDLE LEVEL BUREAUCRATS WHO HAVE A MARKED PREFERENCE FOR REMAINING IN SAIGON. SEVERAL PAPERS HAVE CARRIED SPECULATION AS TO THE DETAILS OF THE DEPLOYMENT PLAN SINCE MAY 23, BUT IT IS STILL UNCLEAR WHO WILL BE REASSIGNED OR UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS OF SERVICE.

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